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Square Roots and the Pythagorean Theorem
1.1 ~ Square Numbers and Area Models

Think About It

List some similarities and differences between a rectangle and a square

Similarities

- 4 sides
- 4 right angles (90°)
- both are quadrilaterals

Differences

- rectangles have different side lengths (2)
- squares have all the same side lengths.

Investigate \leftarrow model with cubes before you draw
organize your work neatly

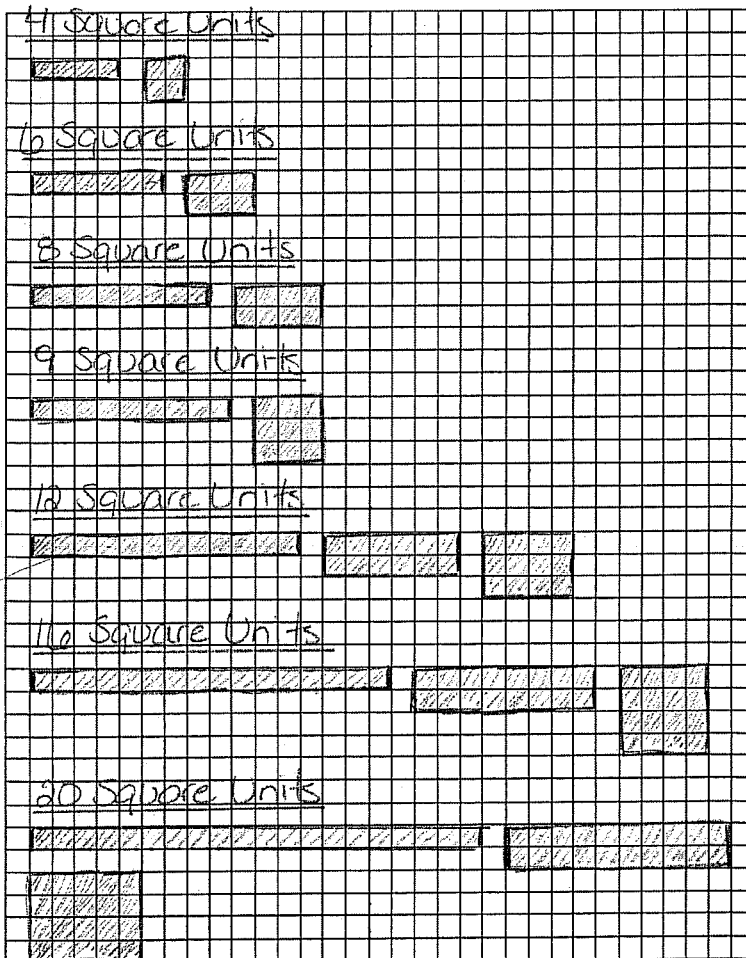
Use the provided grid and 20 square cubes to make as many different rectangles as you can with the areas listed below. Draw each of your rectangles on the grid paper.

4 square units
12 square units

9 square units
20 square units

16 square units
8 square units

6 square units



1. For how many of the areas were you able to make a square?

3 areas: 4, 9 and 16

2. What are the lengths of the sides of each square that you made?

4 square units = 2×2

9 square units = 3×3

16 square units = 4×4

3. How is the side length of the square related to its area?

area = side \times side

The side ^{or} length of a square multiplied by itself equals the area

4. Name two areas greater than 20 square units for which you could use the cubes to make a square. How do you know you could make a square for each of these areas?

25, 36, 49 etc.

We know this because

$$5 \times 5 = 25$$

$$6 \times 6 = 36$$

$$7 \times 7 = 49$$



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Connect

When we multiply a number by itself, we square the number.

What is the square of 6? $6 \times 6 = 36$

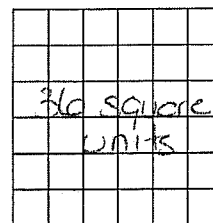
We can write this as: $6^2 = 36$

We say: six squared is thirty-six

36 is an example of a square number, or a perfect square.

A square with an area of 36 square units, will have side lengths of 6 units.

We can model a square number by drawing a square whose area is equal to the square number.



6 units

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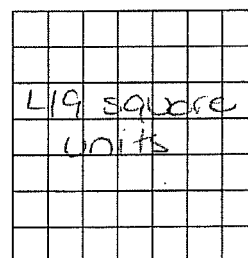
Example 1: Show that 49 is a square number. Use a diagram, symbols, and words.

Draw a square.

The area of the square is: 49 square units

The side length of the square is: 7 units

We say: Forty-nine is seven squared



7 units

7 units

Extension: Is the number 1 a square number? How can you tell?

yes, a square with side length 1 unit has an area of 1 square unit since $1 \times 1 = 1$

Example 2: A square picture has an area of 169 cm^2 . Find the perimeter of the picture.

- The picture is a square with area 169 cm^2 .

- Find the side length of the square (side length is required to find perimeter)

- What number when multiplied by itself gives 169?

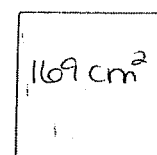
$$13 \times 13 = 169$$

So, the picture has side length 13 cm.

- Perimeter is the distance around the picture

$$P = 13 + 13 + 13 + 13 \\ = 52 \text{ cm}$$

\therefore The perimeter of the picture is 52 cm.



13 cm

13 cm

Extension: Could you find the area of a square given its perimeter? How?

yes, since each side of a square is identical, and you have 4 sides, you could divide the perimeter by 4 to find the side length. Then, multiply the side length by itself to find the area.

eg. Perimeter is 12 cm ; side length $12 \div 4 = 3 \text{ cm}$ \therefore Area $= 3 \times 3 = 9 \text{ cm}^2$



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1.2 ~ Squares and Square Roots

Recall, a square number is the product of a number multiplied by itself. For example, 9 is a square number because $3 \times 3 = 9$.

A factor is a number that divides exactly into another number

1, 2, 5 and 10.

What are the ways you can write 10 as a product of these factors?

 $1 \times 10, 2 \times 5$

The following chart shows the factors of each whole number from 1 to 8. Complete the chart by finding the factors for the remaining numbers. Write the factors in ascending order. Circle any factors that occur twice.

[illegible]

1. Which numbers have an odd number of factors?

1, 4, 9, 16, 25 - all perfect squares, only numbers with an odd number of factors

2. Which numbers in this chart are square numbers? How do you know? Do you notice a pattern with the repeated factors of square numbers?

1, 4, 9, 16, 25 - Because one of their factors is repeated

- Repeated factors are consecutive whole numbers, always middle factor.

3. What is a square root? How is squaring a number related to taking a square root of a number?

They are inverse operations, i.e. they undo each other.

each grid

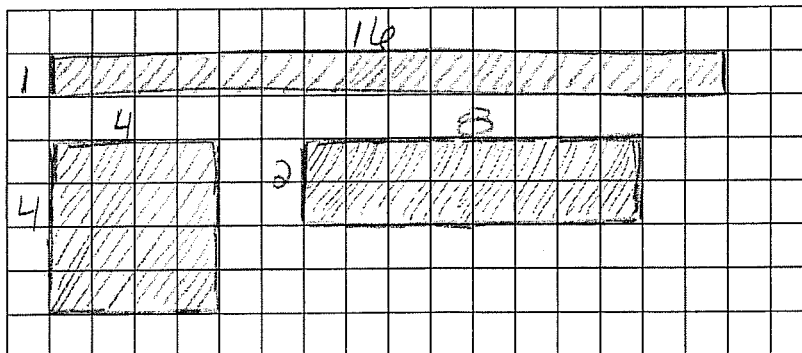
1c. $4 \times 4 = 4^2 = 16 \iff \sqrt{16} = \sqrt{4 \times 4} = \sqrt{4^2} = 4$



Connect

We can use factoring to determine if a given number is a square number:

- Square numbers ALWAYS have an odd number of factors since factors occur in pairs because they represent the dimensions of the rectangles we can make using the given number. Take a look at the number 16.



Sixteen has 5 factors: 1, 2, 4, 8, and 16

Since there are an odd number of factors, one rectangle is a square

The square has a side length of 4

We say that 4 is a square root of 16.

We write: $\sqrt{16} = 4$

16 is an example of a perfect square, or a square number.

* Perfect squares have square roots that are whole numbers!

Example 1: Find the square of each number.

a) 5 $5^2 = 5 \times 5$
 $= 25$

b) 15 $15^2 = 15 \times 15$
 $= 225$

Example 2: Evaluate

a) $8^2 = 8 \times 8$
 $= 64$

b) $3^2 = 3 \times 3$
 $= 9$

c) $7^2 = 7 \times 7$
 $= 49$

Example 3: Find the square root of the following

a) 64 $\sqrt{64} = \sqrt{8 \times 8}$
 $= 8$

b) 25 $\sqrt{25} = \sqrt{5 \times 5}$
 $= 5$

c) 100 $\sqrt{100} = \sqrt{10 \times 10}$
 $= 10$

Example 4: Is 136 a perfect square? How do you know?

Factor pairs
 1×136
 2×68
 4×34
 8×17

repeated { 17×8
 34×4
etc.

\therefore Factors are 1, 2, 4, 8, 17, 34, 68, 136
There are an even number of factors
and no repeated factors so
136 is not a square number.

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OR $11 \times 11 = 121$
 $12 \times 12 = 144$
136 is between these two square numbers so it cannot have a whole number square root



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Unit 1 – Quiz 2

Use any method you would like to answer the following questions. Show ALL work!!

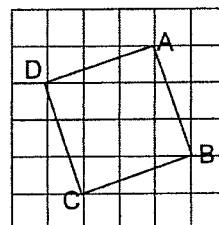
1. In your own words, define what a "square number" is?

→ product of a number multiplied by itself
 → a number with an odd number of factors because one factor is repeated

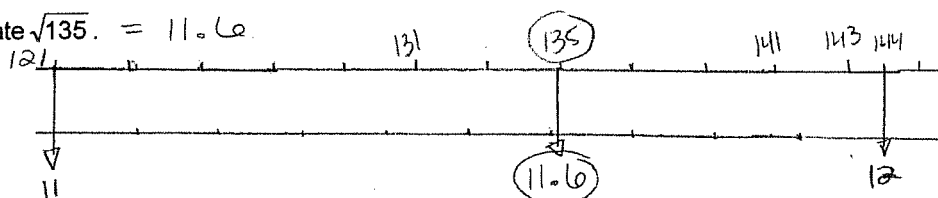
- a number whose square root is a whole number
 - can be modelled as a square where Area is equal to side × side or (side)²

2. Find the area and the side length of the square ABCD.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= A_{\square} + 4A_{\triangle} \\ &= 4 + 4\left(\frac{1 \cdot 3}{2}\right) \\ &= 4 + 6 \\ &= 10 \text{ units square} \\ \text{side length} &= \sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$



3. Estimate
- $\sqrt{135}$
- . = 11.6

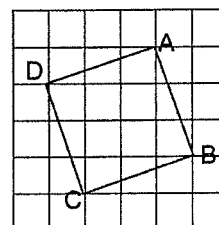


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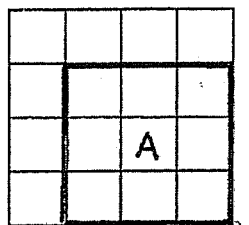
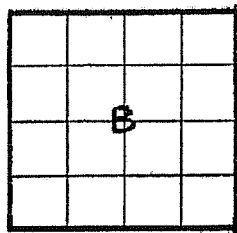
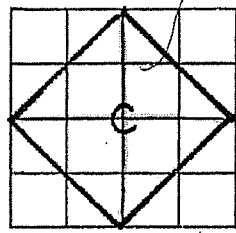
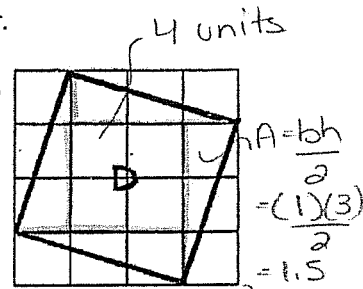
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1.3 ~ Measuring Line Segments**Investigate**

Working with a partner, determine the area and side length of each square without using a ruler.

Area: 9 units²
Length: 3 unitsArea: 16 units²
Length: 4 unitsArea: 8 units²
Length: $\sqrt{8}$ unitsArea: 10 units²
Length: $\sqrt{10}$ units

1. Describe any patterns in your measurements.

Always take the square root of the area to find the side length.

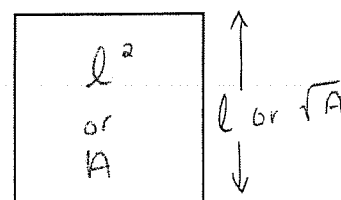
2. How did you find the area and side length of each square?

- Counted the number of whole and part squares
- Found the side length and multiplied it by itself to find area.
- Broke square into shapes and added the areas of all the shapes together

3. How did you write the side lengths of squares C and D?

Wrote them with square root symbols (recall $\sqrt{8} \times \sqrt{8} = 8$)**Connect**

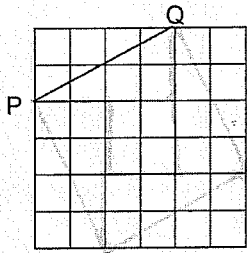
We can use the properties of a square to find its area or side length.

Area of a square = length \times length = length²When the side length is l , the area is l^2 When the area is A , the side length is \sqrt{A} 

We can calculate the length of any line segment on a grid by thinking of it as the side length of a square.



Example 1: Find the length of line segment PQ.



- Use the line segment to construct a square because if we can find area, we can find side length ($\sqrt{A} = s$)
- Break square into shapes that you can find the area of (start with Δ 's)
- Sum up the areas of the shapes.

$$A_{\square} = 4 \text{ units}^2$$

$$A_{\Delta} = \frac{bh}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(2)(4)}{2}$$

$$= 4 \text{ units}^2$$

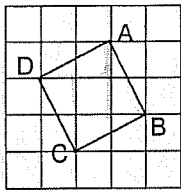
$$A_{\text{TOTAL}} = A_{\square} + A_{\Delta}'s$$

$$= 4 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4$$

$$= 20 \text{ units}^2$$

Length of side = $\sqrt{A} = \sqrt{20}$ units
 \therefore Line segment PQ is $\sqrt{20}$ units long

Example 2: Find the area of square ABCD. What is the length of side AB?



$$A_{\square} = 1 \text{ unit}^2$$

$$A_{\Delta} = \frac{bh}{2}$$

$$= \frac{(1)(2)}{2}$$

$$= 1 \text{ unit}^2$$

$$\therefore A_{\text{TOTAL}} = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$$

$$= 5 \text{ units}^2$$

$$\text{side AB} = \sqrt{A} = \sqrt{5} \text{ units}$$

\therefore side AB is $\sqrt{5}$ units long

Extension: Is the area of every square a square number?

No, the area of every square is NOT a square number
 eg. 20 is not a square number because we can not write $\sqrt{20}$ as a whole number

Extension: When will the length of a line segment not be a whole number?

The length of a line segment will not be a whole number when the area of the square is not a square number



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1.4 ~ Estimating Square Roots

Think About It

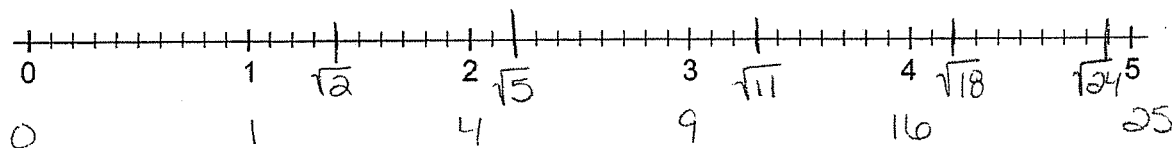
You know that a square root of a given number is a number which when multiplied by itself equals the given number eg. $\sqrt{9} = \sqrt{3 \times 3} = 3$

You also know that the square root of a number is the side length of a square with an area that is equal to the given number.

Investigate

$$\boxed{9} \quad 3$$

Use the number line below, place each square root on the number line to show its approximate value: $\sqrt{2}$, $\sqrt{5}$, $\sqrt{11}$, $\sqrt{18}$, $\sqrt{24}$. Do not use a calculator!!



1. What strategies did you use to estimate the square roots?

- Comparison to square roots of perfect squares
eg $\sqrt{2}$ is between $\sqrt{1} = 1$ and $\sqrt{4} = 2$, but closer to $\sqrt{1}$

2. How could you use a second number line showing square numbers?

- To more quickly identify the square numbers it is between.

3. How could you use a calculator to check your answers?

- Trial and error - multiply the number by itself, refining as you go, until your answer nearly equals the given number you are trying to find the square root of.
- Use the $\sqrt{\quad}$ key on the calculator.

4. Is 4.8 or 4.9 a better estimate for $\sqrt{24}$? Why? How could you get an even more accurate answer?

$$4.8 \times 4.8 = 23.04$$

$$4.9 \times 4.9 = 24.01 \quad \leftarrow \text{better estimate because it is closer to } 24$$

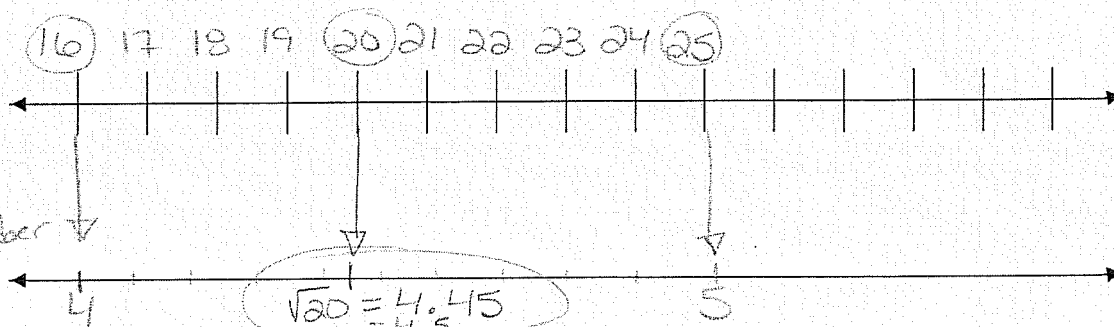
$$\therefore \sqrt{24} \approx 4.9$$

you could get a more accurate answer by having more decimals.

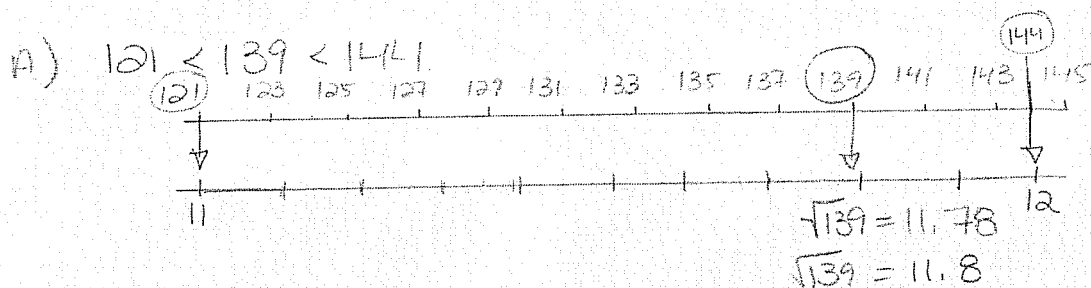
**Connect****Example 1: Estimate $\sqrt{20}$ using two number lines.**

1) Find the perfect squares 20 is between (use multiplication table)

$$16 < 20 < 25$$

Place this information on 1st number line**Example 2: A square garden has an area of 139 m^2 .**

- A) What are the approximate dimensions of the garden to one decimal place?
B) How much fencing would be needed to surround the garden?

 \therefore The side length of the garden is 11.8 m.

B) Perimeter = $11.8 + 11.8 + 11.8 + 11.8$ or $P = 4 \times 11.8$
 $= 47.2 \text{ m}$ \leftarrow round up for purchasing
 $= 47.2 \text{ m}$

 \therefore 48 m of fencing should be purchased.**Extension: How do square numbers help us estimate square roots?**

They provide benchmarks that can be used to determine which two whole numbers a square root is between.



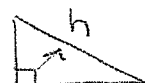
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1.5 ~ The Pythagorean Theorem

Think About It

What is a right triangle? Draw a right triangle.

Any triangle that contains a right angle (90°) is. 

How can you identify the hypotenuse of a right triangle? What is special about the hypotenuse?

The hypotenuse is always across from the right angle. It is special because it is the longest side.

How can you identify the legs of a right triangle?

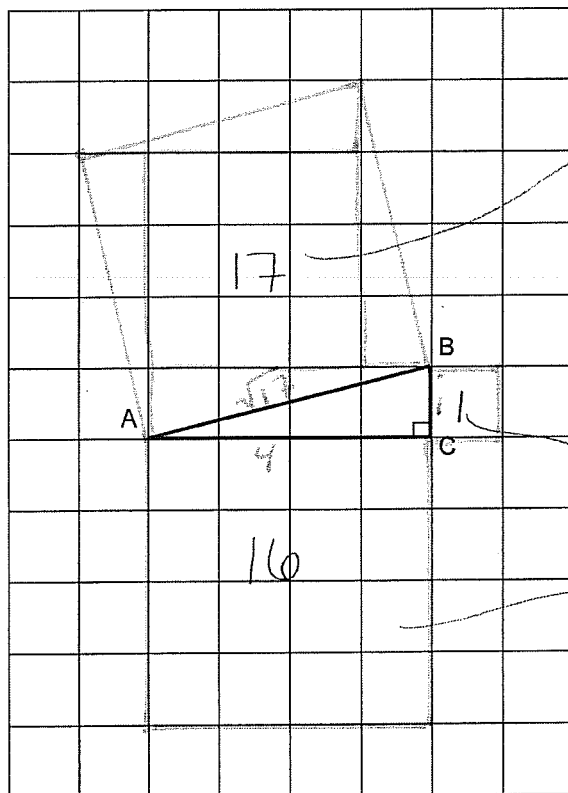
They form an "L" shape on either side of the right angle.

Investigate

With a partner:

1. Construct a square off of each line segment that forms triangle ABC.
2. Find the area and the side length of each square. Show your work. Label the areas and the side lengths on your diagram.
3. What relationship do you see among the areas of the squares on the sides of a right triangle?
Sum of the areas of the legs = area of the hypotenuse
the sum of the squares of the legs = square of the hypotenuse.
4. Is there a relationship among the side lengths of the right triangle?

No, the relationship is between the areas!



WORK:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= A_D + 4A_{\Delta} \\
 &= 9 + 4\left(\frac{bh}{2}\right) \\
 &= 9 + 4\left(\frac{1 \times 4}{2}\right) \\
 &= 9 + 4(2) \\
 &= 9 + 8 \\
 &= 17 \text{ units}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = 1 \text{ unit}^2$$

$$A = 16 \text{ units}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underbrace{1 + 16}_{\text{areas of the legs}} &= \underbrace{17}_{\text{area of the hypotenuse}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \text{leg } a^2 + \text{leg } b^2 = \text{hypotenuse}^2$$

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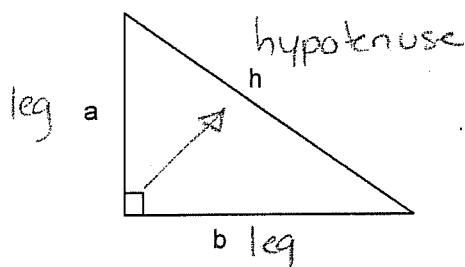
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Connect

In all right triangles, the area of the square of the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the areas of the squares of the legs.

This relationship is called the Pythagorean Theorem, and it is used to find the length of any side when we know the lengths of the other two sides.

It can be written algebraically as:

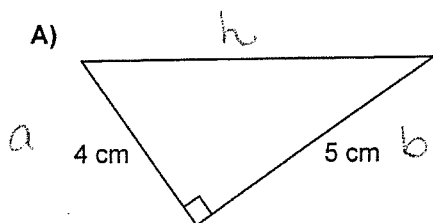


$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

the square of the hypotenuse = the sum of the squares of the legs

*** Make sure you label your triangle correctly!!!

Example 1: Find the length of the unknown side. Give your answer to one decimal place (use a calculator).



$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$h^2 = 4^2 + 5^2$$

$$h^2 = 16 + 25$$

$$h^2 = 41$$

← this is the area, we want side length

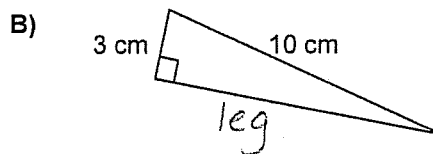
$$\sqrt{h^2} = \sqrt{41}$$

$$h = \sqrt{41} \text{ cm}$$

or

$$h = 6.4 \text{ cm}$$

∴ The hypotenuse is 6.4 cm long.



$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$10^2 = 3^2 + b^2$$

$$100 = 9 + b^2$$

$$-9 \quad -9$$

$$91 = b^2$$

$$\sqrt{91} = \sqrt{b^2}$$

$$\sqrt{91} \text{ cm} = b$$

$$9.5 \text{ cm} = b$$

∴ The leg is 9.5 cm long.

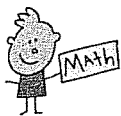
Could show:

$$10^2 - 3^2 = b^2$$

$$100 - 9 = b^2$$

$$91 = b^2$$

$$\sqrt{91} = b$$



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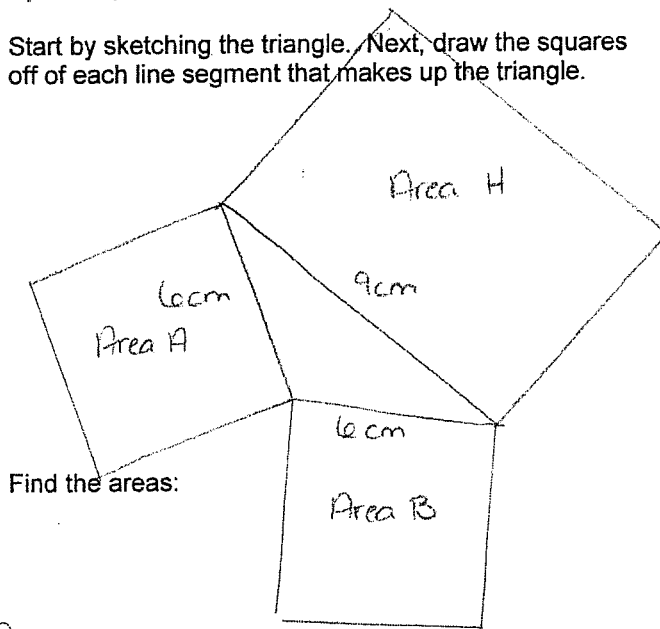
The Pythagorean Theorem applies ONLY to _____ triangles! We can use the Pythagorean Theorem to prove whether or not a triangle is a right triangle.

A set of 3 whole numbers that satisfies the Pythagorean Theorem is called a _____.

Example 1: Determine whether each triangle with the given side lengths is a right triangle.

A) 6 cm, 6 cm, 9 cm

Start by sketching the triangle. Next, draw the squares off of each line segment that makes up the triangle.



Find the areas:

$$\text{Area A} = 6 \times 6 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Area B} = 6 \times 6 = 36 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Area H} = 9 \times 9 = 81 \text{ cm}^2$$

Verify the relationship:

Pythagorean Theorem says:

$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

or
area of hypotenuse = sum of areas of legs
so if this is a right triangle then,

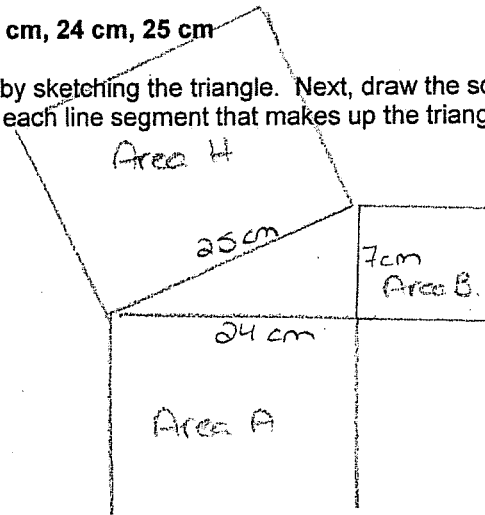
$$81 = 36 + 36$$

$$81 \neq 72$$

\therefore Triangle is not a right triangle.

B) 7 cm, 24 cm, 25 cm

Start by sketching the triangle. Next, draw the squares off of each line segment that makes up the triangle.



Find the areas:

$$\text{Area A} = 24 \times 24 = 576 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Area B} = 7 \times 7 = 49 \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\text{Area H} = 25 \times 25 = 625 \text{ cm}^2$$

Verify the relationship:

$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$625 = 576 + 49$$

$$625 = 625 \quad \checkmark$$

\therefore Triangle is a right triangle.
and 7-24-25 is a
Pythagorean Triple.

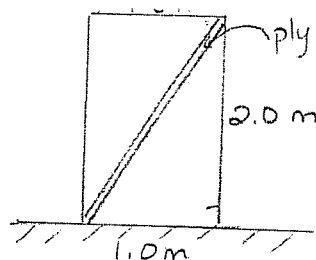


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We can use the Pythagorean Theorem to solve problems that involve right triangles. When solving these types of problems it is best to start by drawing a picture of the problem and labeling any information you know.

Example 1: A doorway is 2.0 m high and 1.0 m wide. A square piece of plywood has side length 2.2 m. Can the plywood fit through the doorway?



hypotenuse must be 2.2 m or longer so the plywood will fit.

Use Pythagorean Theorem:

$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$h^2 = (1.0)^2 + (2.0)^2$$

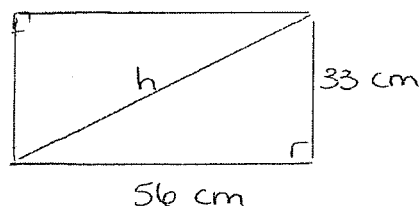
$$h^2 = 1 + 4$$

$$\sqrt{h^2} = \sqrt{5}$$

$$h = 2.24 \text{ m}$$

\therefore The plywood will fit through the doorway!

Example 2: Marina helped her dad build a small rectangular table for her bedroom. The tabletop has length 56 cm and width 33 cm. The diagonal of the tabletop measures 60 cm. Does the tabletop have square corners?



Suppose the diagonal of the tabletop is the hypotenuse of a right triangle, then using Pythagorean Theorem

$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$h^2 = (56)^2 + (33)^2$$

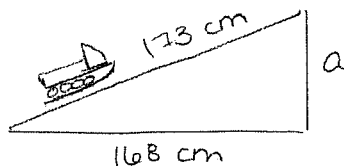
$$h^2 = 3136 + 1089$$

$$\sqrt{h^2} = \sqrt{4225}$$

$$h = 65 \text{ cm.} \leftarrow h \text{ must be } 60 \text{ cm in order to be a right triangle}$$

\therefore Since Marina's tabletop has a diagonal of 60 cm, it can not have square corners.

Example 3: A ramp is used to load a snow machine onto a trailer. The ramp has horizontal length 168 cm and sloping length 173 cm. The side view is a right triangle. How high is the ramp?



$$h^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$(173)^2 = a^2 + (168)^2$$

$$30625 = a^2 + 28224$$

$$-28224$$

$$-28224$$

$$\sqrt{2401} = \sqrt{a^2}$$

$$49 = a$$

\therefore The ramp must be 49 cm high.